Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It need not necessarily be so.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— An adjournment motion means that. The Hon'ble Member can bring it in the form of a cut motion when we will be moving half a dozen demands.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I hope I will be permitted to move this cut motion at short notice.

President.—This cannot be brought forward in the form of a cut motion since there are no demands pertaining to this. Therefore I will ask whether the Hon'ble Member has the leave of the House.

(Leave granted.)

President.—We shall take it at 3-30 p. m. to day.

Condolence Motion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Mr. President, Sir, I rise to move with feelings of the most profound sorrow the motion which runs thus:—

"*This Council desires to express its deep sorrow at the loss sustained by the demise of Dr. A. Govinda Menon who was a Member of this House from its inauguration and its first elected Deputy President.*"

Both as a Member of this House from its very beginning and as its first elected Deputy President, the late Dr. A. G. Menon was a most outstanding figure in this House. Born of an ancient and aristocratic family, he was in the right sense of the term, Sir, an aristocrat to his finger-tips, incapable of anything small, incapable of anything mean. He was, if I may say so, Sir, cast in a large mould, generous, frank and outspoken, even to the fault.

As a doctor he will be remembered for long for his professional skill, which was great and for what is even greater, his sense of professional morality which, I have heard it said, was of the very highest order.

As a Member and as the Deputy President of this House, he has set us an example of devotion to duty, loyalty to traditions and fearless advocacy of just causes and liberties, which it is hard for any one to equal and well-nigh impossible to excel. He has always maintained the cherished privileges of the members of this House and as Deputy President he displayed a fair mindedness and detachment, which is well worth emulation by others.

As a man, Sir, he was distinguished for his beauty of behaviour, which I maintain is the hall-mark of a gentleman, easy affability, simplicity of life and I may add sublimity of purpose. He inspired all those who came in contact with him with deep reverence and although he belonged to a generation which is passing away, he possessed, as I have often found, ideas and ideals of the most progressive character.

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He was an intensely loyal and useful subject of this State and in his death, the State and this House loses one, whom it would not be easy to replace.

May his saintly soul enjoy eternal bliss!

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Mr. President, Sir, I beg leave to associate myself most heartily with all that has been said by the Hon'ble the Leader of the House about the loss this Council has sustained and the example that has been set by the deceased Deputy President of this Council. As the Hon'ble the Leader of the House has traversed the history or the biography of the deceased Deputy President I do not think I can usefully add anything worthy of mention. But there is one thing which I wish to emphasise in this resolution and that is the example that he has set as a Deputy President so far as the work of the Council is concerned. I distinctly remember him saying in his opening statement after the election that—though he was the Leader of a Party in the Council—he ceased to be one from the moment he was elected Deputy President and he kept his word to the last and he has been a President and a President only. It is a feat rather hard to be accomplished by anybody. With these few remarks I wish to associate with the remarks already made by the Leader in this House and second this resolution.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The late Dr. A. G. Menon, as is well-known comes from a noble family in Chittur and his early life was spent in the suburbs of Cochin at Palghat. In those days there was no scope for any subject of the state to serve in Local Self-Government on account of the absence of self-governing institutions and Dr. Menon had to spend the best part of his life in developing the Municipality of the place of his adoption. When he had grown grey in the service of that institution an opportunity came to him to serve his mother-land, when the first Legislative Council was inaugurated in Cochin. The late Dr. Menon was connected with this institution from its very inception and his activities in this Council have contributed to the progress of Cochin in several directions which are too many to be mentioned on this occasion. He was elected thrice by the Chittur Municipality without contest and he was the first non-official Deputy President to be elected by the Council. He did the duties of his office without fear or favour and everybody was feeling when he presided that the functions of the Chair were safe in his hands. He had a personality which commanded respect alike from officials and non-officials. He was very independent in his views and never shirked to call a spade a spade in his political pronouncements.

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To me in person he was a political Guru to whom I resorted very often for advice which was given willingly and ungrudgingly. If there is any boldness in what I have done in this Council it is the result of his inspiration. My heart is full and I shall not detain you any longer.

May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Mr. President, Sir, A sense of duty impels me to add a few words to mourn the death of our dear Deputy President and to express in my own humble way my appreciation of the great qualities which had always been characteristic of him.

I have been very closely associated with Dr. A. G. Menon for the last 10 years and I know that from the inception of the Council Dr. A. G. Menon has always been taking a keen interest in the affairs of this House. I am inclined to think that the change of feeling that we notice in the official block was largely brought about by the amiability, impartiality, tact and exemplary manner in which he has been discharging his duties as Deputy President of this Council. In the first year of the Council when official arrogance rendered it necessary that I should lead a walk out here,—at a time when many of the Members of the official block thought that non-official members were usurping their vested rights like naughty children trespassing into enclosed orchards, Dr. A. G. Menon came and told me that that was the proper thing to do. Not only was he a man of progressive views, but he was also a man with a principle regulating all his actions, endowed with an individuality of his own, and with a determination of purpose unshaken by any considerations of favour or fear.

When the Progressive Party was formed in this House we naturally elected him as its President and during the three years of the first Council the Progressive Party did very useful work. I attribute it in a very large measure to the tactful management of the business by Dr. Menon. It is unnecessary for me to recount the various rulings that he has passed here as Deputy President which although they may not have been acceptable to all of us, were certainly very reasonable. In the few Committees in which he took part, he has shown that he was able to appreciate legal difficulties in spite of the fact that law was not in his sphere of activities. His progressive ideas were always visible in any suggestions he made. Dr. A. G. Menon's activities were many sided. Years ago when some of us in Trichur, including the Leader of the House here started scouting, at a time when scouting was looked down upon, both by officials—

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(scouting is now considered to be very fashionable) — and by Government, there were only two people here among elders who knew anything about scouting. They were Mr. Mathai and Dr. A. G. Menon and it was very encouraging to see Dr. Menon running down all the way from Palghat to Trichur for giving first aid lessons to Scouters. Dr. A. G. Menon took very great interest in agriculture. He owned a beautiful model farm in a village near Olavakkode. He was mainly responsible, in conjunction I believe with Mr. Prabhakaran Thampan, for the establishment of the Ottapalam High School. Dr. A. G. Menon, when we got the opportunity to get him elected as the Deputy President of this Council, had to his credit the wide experience that he gained both as a member of the Palghat Municipality and as the President of the Palghat Municipality. All these attainments enabled Dr. A. G. Menon to discharge the onerous functions of the Deputy President very satisfactorily and to bring about cordiality of feeling between the officials and the non-officials. That of course is my individual opinion. But for Dr. A. G. Menon, a gentleman of infinite tact and amiability of manners, the change of outlook that I now notice on the official side, whether it is real or conventional, it is unnecessary for me to say, would not have been so speedily brought about. We are very grateful to Dr. A. G. Menon for the great stand that he took in our attempts to usher in progressive reforms here. When the Progressive Party adumbrated a scheme of reforms and asked for permission to pay our respects to our late Maharaja, and submit the scheme, Dr. A. G. Menon led the deputation. I distinctly recollect His Higness remarking "I know Dr. A. G. Menon; so long as he is in the Council I am sure that the proposals made would be very reasonable". This is how people have been appreciating Dr. Menon and his work. And such a person has been snatched away from us by the cruel hands of death. I have already expressed my feelings in the Press, in a short sketch that I sent for publication immediately after his death. It has been published in the local papers and I therefore do not desire to take up the time of this House. I believe that the election of the Deputy President was more or less the direct result of this deputation and the representations we made to the Government and His Highness the Maharaja. There were very few occasions on which he absented himself from the Council, and they were on account of his ill health. Dr. A. G. Menon's presence here, was almost an inspiration to this House. Now we miss his presence here. I have referred to him as the Patel of the Cochin Legislative Council in the communication that I sent to the press. It is

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for us to try to maintain the high traditions laid down by him. We are very grateful to him for all that he has done and I believe there are hosts of patients who feel grateful to Dr. Menon for the various services he has done to them. I will conclude by quoting the famous lines—

"Enshrined in grateful hearts to lie is indeed to live, not die".

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Dr. A. G. Menon was one of the oldest Members of this House. In my humble view that is not the reason why we are all much attached to him. Dr. A. G. Menon comes from a very respectable and wealthy family. I must say that it is not this fact also that has made Dr. Menon so dear to all the Members of this House. Nor do I think that it is because of his extreme intelligence or professional skill. But Dr. A. G. Menon had one remarkable feature. He had a heart of genuine gold. It was impossible for anybody to become acquainted with Dr. A. G. Menon and not to feel a very keen attachment for the person. Thoroughly upright, straightforward, in all his ways; and it is this gentlemanly behaviour of his that has won for him the love of one and all who had occasion to be acquainted with him. Whenever we wanted a concerted motion in this Council, invariably Dr. A. G. Menon was at the head of it. When we formed a party, unanimously Dr. A. G. Menon was elected as the President of it because everybody knew that there was no ulterior motive behind his actions. He was particularly the friend of the weaker classes. We, some of the younger members of this House, when talking rather rashly or inadvertently and taking rather extreme views, used to feel that we had a pillar of strength if only Dr. A. G. Menon was on our side. It is the loss of such a great man that we are lamenting today. There may be Members in the Council and many others may hereafter come, who may be much more eloquent or who may be much more shrewd than Dr. Menon but it is impossible, or at any rate it will be hard, to come across a gentleman of Dr. Menon's type. I endorse every word that has been said by the Hon'ble the Leader of the House and with very great warmth of feeling I support this motion.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Sir, I also feel it my duty to associate myself with the very laudable remarks made in this Council in memory of the late Dr. A. G. Menon. His character has been variously portrayed but that aspect of it which appeals to me most is this that he was above all a democrat. It was stated that he was born of a very aristocratic family and

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that he himself was an aristocrat to the very core. But in all his dealings he was a democrat of the first water in his stout championship of the rights of this Council and also in supporting the popular rights in general he showed himself a thorough, democrat as also in his views which were, as already stated here of the most progressive kind. In fact he was a sort of connecting link between the elder generation and the rising generation and that accounts much for his popularity. He can appreciate the view-point of the younger people and he was able to control the exuberance of youth and that accounts for his great success in this Council. He could move freely and amicably with both the elders and the youngers with his well balanced judgment of the one and the progressive ideals of the other. I had also the happiness and privilege of working with him in the important Nambudiri Bill Committee where the whole man showed himself out as most progressive in social matters. In fact I remember how solicitous he was regarding the distress of the Nambudiri women when we were taking evidence in connection with the Bill and how he encouraged and advocated for necessary reforms in that community. We have also very often seen in this Council how he was maintaining the traditions of this council even against the Government thus standing out as a very staunch champion of the rights of this House and we especially on this side of the House, the non-officials, have to be very thankful for having established such well-known traditions for the conduct of business in this Council. Once again I associate myself with all those things that have been said here in his memory and I beg to resume my seat.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എം. ഇബ്രാഹിം.— സർ, പൊതുഗുണത്തിന്നുവേണ്ടി തന്റെ വ്യക്തിത്വത്തെ താഴ്ത്തുവാനും അതുമൂലം തന്റെ ചുറ്റുപാടുകളെ നന്നാക്കുവാനുള്ള സേവനങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുവാനും സാധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു വലിയ മാതൃകയുടെ സ്മരണയെ വാഴ്ത്തുവാൻ വേണ്ടി മാത്രമാണ് ഞാൻ രണ്ടു വാക്കു പറയുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്. ഇന്നു നാം വ്യസനിക്കുന്ന ആ മഹാനുഭാവന്റെ മനസ്ഥിതിക്ക് വിഭിന്നമായ നിലയിൽ തന്റെ സ്വന്തം കാര്യമാത്രം സാധിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള വാഞ്ഛ മാത്രമേ ലോകത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുള്ളു എങ്കിൽ ഇന്നു നാം കാണുന്ന പല പരിഷ്കരണങ്ങളും പരിവർത്തനങ്ങളും സംഭവിക്കുമായിരുന്നില്ല എന്ന് നിഷ്പ്രയാസം പറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. തന്റെ സ്വന്തം വ്യക്തിത്വത്തെ, നാട്ടിന്റെ പൊതുഗുണത്തിന്ന്, സമുദായത്തിന്റെ ഗുണത്തിന്ന്, തന്റെ ചുറ്റുപാടുകളുടെ ഗുണത്തിന്നുവേണ്ടി സഹകരിപ്പിക്കുവാനും സമ്മിശ്രമാക്കിത്തീർക്കുവാനുമുള്ള ഒരു പൊതുക്കായ്പ്രസക്തിയും പൊതുക്കായ്സന്നദ്ധതയും അദ്ദേഹത്തെ മാതൃകയാക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവർക്കും ഉണ്ടാകണമെന്നുള്ള അപേക്ഷയോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ വിരമിക്കുന്നു.

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Mr. Ikkanda Warriar:—Sir, I had the privilege of being a close friend of late Dr. A. G. Menon. I have worked with him in this Council for the last 10 years. I associate myself with all that has been said about him by the Hon'ble Members who spoke before me. I rise now particularly to stress one aspect of his work in this Council. It is this. You know that he had been the Leader of the progressive party. I wish to tell this House how he was conducting the business as its Leader. I had the privilege of working under him as its Secretary or Treasurer when he was the Leader and I would say that he was a leader in the true sense of the word. He knew the truth of the saying that if one wants to be a leader, he must first know how to follow. He successfully led the party as long as he was its leader. I very well remember that on all controversial matters, long before we met in our rooms, he used to go about from member to member for ascertaining their views. Before he came to preside over the days' function he will correctly diagnose the views of all the members and after a brief discussion he would place before us his views on the matter, which in almost all the cases were found to be acceptable to us without a division. This he was able to do because he correctly understood the real majority of opinion of his followers. Sir, it is this character that marked him out as the leader and he was a leader throughout. With these few words I associate myself with all that has been said before.

The resolution was passed unanimously all the Members standing.

The House was then adjourned for ten minutes as a mark of respect.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

President.— The following are the names of the members nominated and their proposers and seconders.

1. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.
   Proposer— Mr. P. Raman Menon.
   Seconder— Mr. C. A. Ouseph.
2. Mr. K. T. Mathew.
   Proposer— Mr. K. Ayyappan.
   Seconder— Mr. A. I. Mani.
3. Mrs. Josephine Swaris.
   Proposer— Mr. George Chakyamuri.
   Seconder— Mr. P. C. Varkey.
4. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.
   Proposer— Mr. M. Krishna Menon.
   Seconder— Mr. Paul Mampilli.

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